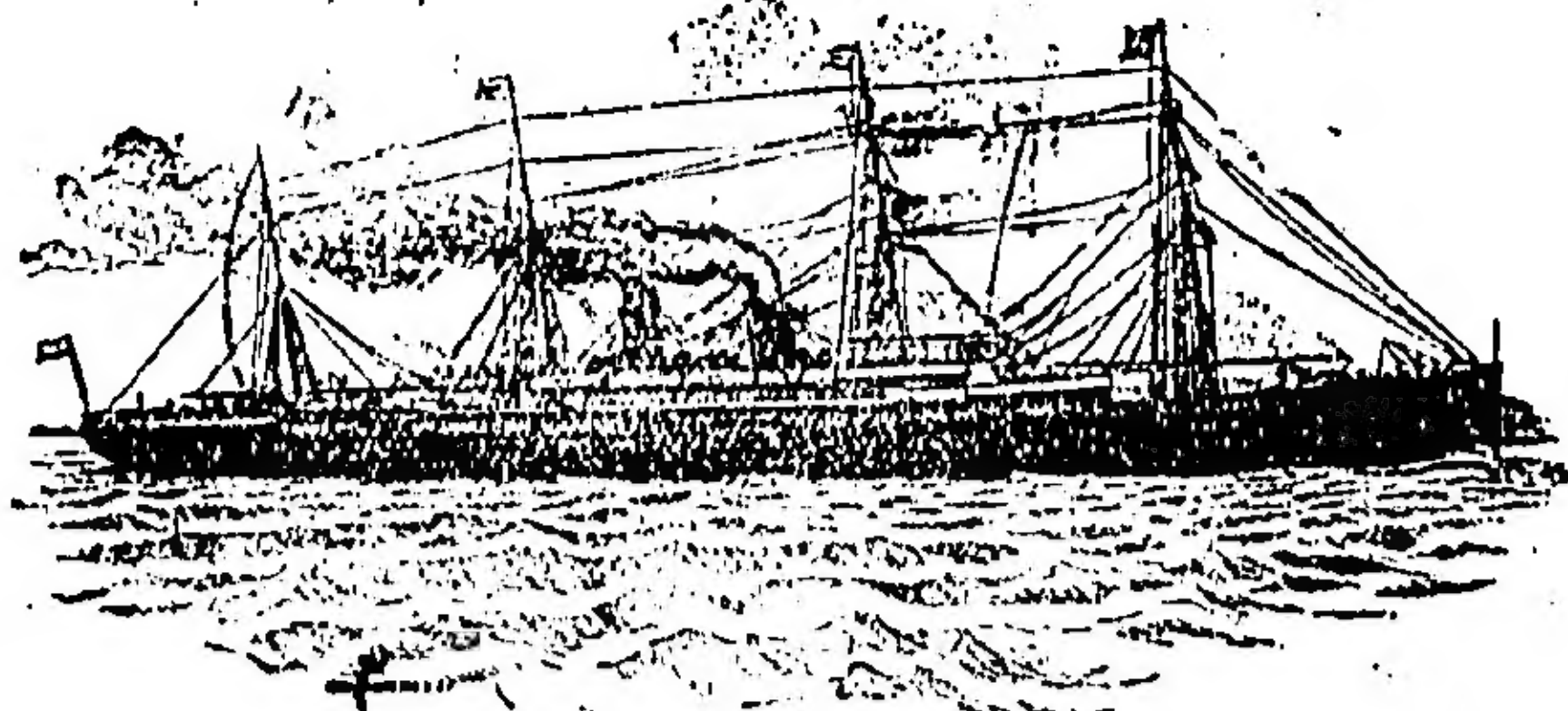


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"COPTIC"	4,352 "	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon.
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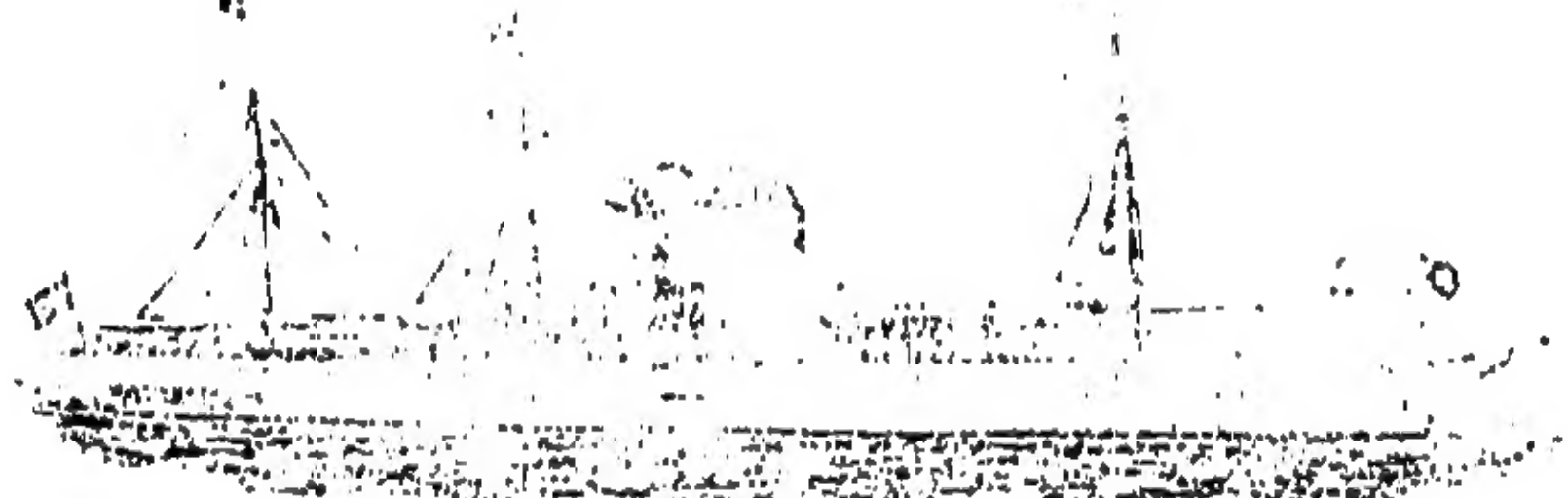
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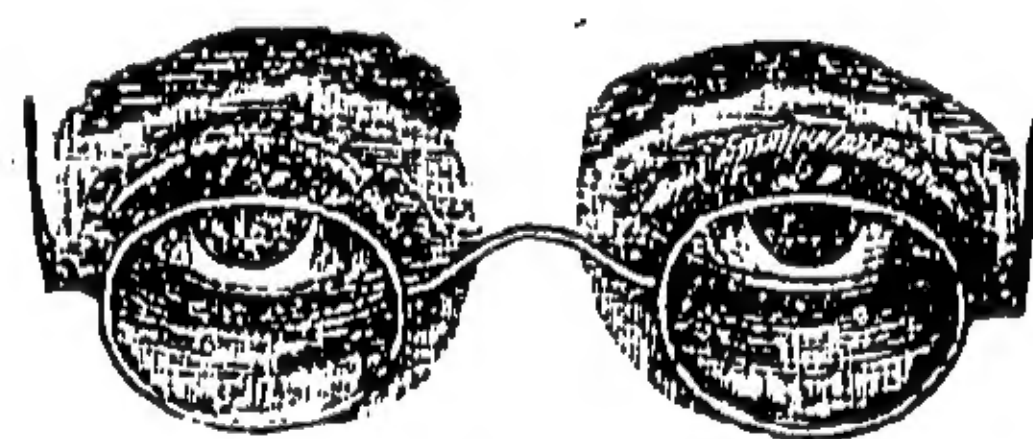
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NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, TO-MORROW, the 19th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 20th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to and Agency Co., Limited.

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited. Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [8]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [103]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [100]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the Appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to the 6th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [179]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [136]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. NOTICE.

FROM This Date and until after the 25th FEBRUARY next HORSES and/or PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOMING RACES will not be allowed on the RACE or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours of 6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise unentered Horses or Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course. By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [138]

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In naval warfare as in land battles the training of the combatants counts for a great deal, but nevertheless the saying that Providence favours the heaviest battalions holds good at sea as well as on shore. At present the fleets of Russia and Japan are fairly evenly matched, the balance being slightly in favour of Japan. Russia has in the China station 7 1st-class battleships, namely, the *Petropavlovsk*, *Poltava*, *Sevastopol*, *Retvisan*, *Peresviet*, *Csarvitch* and *Pobeda*. It is curious that the *Gromobol*, which is also on this station, is nearly always classed as a battleship. As a matter of fact the *Rosita*, 1st-class cruiser, has a better claim to this title being more heavily armoured, and carrying more guns than the *Gromobol*. Nowadays, when cruisers carry such heavy armaments it is somewhat difficult to draw a distinction between a battleship and a cruiser. Suffice it to say that in most of the recognised naval annuals both the *Gromobol* and *Rosita* are entered as 1st-class armoured cruisers, so in this article they will be treated as such. The best boat in the Russian fleet is the *Retvisan*. She is a vessel of 12,700 tons, and steams 18 knots. Her armament includes 4-12 in.; 12-6 in.; 20-12 pdr.; 2-6 pdr.; 20-3 pdr.; and 6-1 pdr. guns as well as 6 torpedo tubes. In many respects she is similar to the British battleship *Glory* which is so well known in these waters, but the Russians have managed to mount more guns in her than the British have in their ship, without apparently sacrificing any coal room. The *Petropavlovsk*, *Poltava* and *Sevastopol* all carry 4-12 in. guns as their main armament. The *Peresviet* and *Pobeda*, although of greater displacement carry 4-10 in. guns but make up this seeming deficiency by greater speed (19 against 17 knots).

The Japanese battleships are built on more English designs, and are taking them all round a more homogeneous fleet. The *Mikasa* of 15,200 tons displacement is one of the finest men-of-war afloat. She does 18 knots and carries 4-12 in.; 14-6 in.; 20-12 pdr.; 8-3 pdr.; and 12 smaller guns and 4 submerged torpedo tubes. The *Hatsuse*, *Asahi* and *Shikishima* are very similar to the *Mikasa* in all respects. The *Yashima* and *Fuji* although of nearly 3,000 tons, less displacement carry exceptionally large armaments. These six ships form the cream of the Japanese fleet but the list of battleships cannot be closed without mention of the *Chiyoda*, 7,200 tons, captured at Weihaiwei on the 12th February, 1895, her speed being only 14.5 knots she would hinder her swifter sisters in any extensive manoeuvres, but she and the *Fusuo*, another out of date vessel, would probably render a good account of themselves if employed in harbour defence work. There are three other coast defence ships in the Japanese navy, the *Hiyri*, *Kongo*, and *Pingyen*. They are at present used as training and gunnery ships but would undoubtedly undertake more serious work should their country be in danger.

CRUISERS.

Japan has far more cruisers than Russia. The Russian cruiser squadron is composed of the following vessels:—

1st class (armoured) *Rosita*; *Rurik*; and *Gromobol*.
1st class (protected) *Varyak*; *Bogatyr*; *Diana*; *Pallada*; *Askold*.
2nd class (protected) *Biyrarin*.
3rd class (unprotected) *Zubaca*; and *Rastvynik*.

The *Amur*, torpedo transport, is also sometimes classed as a cruiser. Of the above mentioned vessels the *Rosita*, *Rurik* and *Gromobol* are the only ones of over 9,000 tons. The Japanese armoured cruisers should be more easily handled than those of their opponents as they are almost identical in armour, speed, armament and displacement. The Japanese boats are:—

1st class (armoured) *Asama*; *Tokawa*; *Jidzuno*; *Iwate*; *Yakumo*; and *Adzuma*.
2nd class (armoured) *Chiyoda*.
2nd class (protected) *Takagiso*; *Kasagi*; *Chikiso*; *Itshukushima*; *Hoshidate*; *Mutsushima*; *Yoshino*; *Nanbu*; *Takachiko*; and *Akitushima*.

Besides these there are three cruisers of the last class building, one of which the *Nittaka* should be ready for sea shortly, and also the two beautiful vessels which have just been bought, and are on their way out from Genoa. Gunboats and torpedo vessels there are in plenty on both sides, but it is after all between the bigger ships that the decisive battles will be fought. At present Japan has the advantage, but she has no overwhelming preponderance and a small mistake on the part of her commanders would soon make the scales lean toward Russia. If war is likely her most fatal mistake would be to await the arrival of the Russian fleet which is supposed to be on its way out from Bizerta. At present she has no great odds to contend against, but if the Russian fleet is allowed to be reinforced Japan's would have to fight equal to, if not better than, hers.—*N. C. D. News.*

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [123]

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for the Residue of a Term of 940 years
created by the Crown Lease thereof.
Crown Rent \$32.

LOT 2.—The Valuable Leasehold Messuages
and Premises known as Nos. 25 and
27, Morrison Hill Road, and Nos. 33
and 35, Bowington Street situate on
the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot
No. 1,313, which are held for the
Residue of a Term of 986 years created
by the Crown Lease thereof. Crown
Rent \$1,350.

For further particulars, apply to
Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
or to

DENNY & BOWLEY,
Supreme Court House,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [106]

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MACDUFF"
FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of General Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are hereby
landed at the Godowns and Godown Company,
at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th instant will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [118]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"GLENGYLE,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where
each consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which
no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & COV.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [116]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

"MALTA"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Moldavia*.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and
B. & P. S. N. Co's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and
the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [114]

Intimations.

A FOOLISH OLD IDEA.

It was once thought that a medicine was all
the more beneficial for having a nasty taste
and smell. We now know that such an idea
is perfect nonsense. There is no more reason
why medicine should offend the senses than
why food should do so. Therefore, one of the
greatest chemical victories of the past few
years is what we may call the *redemption* of
cod liver oil. Everybody knows what a vile
taste and smell this drug has in its natural
state. No wonder most people declare they
would rather suffer from disease than take cod
liver oil, and the emulsions are quite as foul
and abominable as the plain oil, no matter
what may be alleged to the contrary. Now it
is one of nature's laws that a medicine which
disgusts the nose and the palate, and also
sickens the stomach, can have no good effect
as a medicine; because the system revolts
against it, and cries out to be delivered from
it.

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION
the desired miracle is wrought, and we have
the valuable part of the oil, without the other.
This effective modern remedy is palatable as
honey and contains the nutritive and curative
properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by
us from fresh cod livers, combined with the
Compound Syrup of "Hypophosphites and the
Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. The palate
accepts it as it does sugar, confectionery or
cream. Taken before meals it goes to the
very secret stronghold of digestive disorders:
prevents and cures Nervous Dyspepsia,
Anemia, Throat and Lung Troubles and all
diseases due to impurity of the blood. Dr. G.
C. Shannon, of Canada, says: "I shall con-
tinue its use with, I am sure, great advantage
to my patients and satisfaction to myself." Has
all the virtues of cod liver oil; none of its
faults. It was made to cure and it sells
because it cures. One bottle convinces.
Effective from the first dose. "It never dis-
appoints." Sold by chemists the world over
and A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

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THE
ROBINSON
PIANO
CO. LTD.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

CABIN PIANOS
AND
RAG TIME
MUSIC and BOOKS.

THE NEWEST
RAG TIME
MUSIC and BOOKS.

VICTOR
TALKING
MACHINES

ABSOLUTE REPRODUCTION
OF THE
HUMAN VOICE

SHIPS PIANO
PLAYERS
\$450

CASH OR CREDIT

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [39]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN,
27, DES VEGES ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG,
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [58]

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 26, Connaught Road Central.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [57]

MEE CHEUNG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, 11
ICE-HOUSE ROAD.

I am now in a position, in his New and Com-
modious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore,
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.
A speciality.
Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [55]

Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,
HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong

THE leading English Newspaper in China
Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon,
China, Ceylon, India and the Far East
generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition
published for despatch by the homeward mail
The daily is recommended as more generally
suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or
America.

A special feature is made of full and accu-
rate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-
ters of general interest.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* is the best
medium for advertising in China. It circulates
largely among all classes of the community,
is the largest daily newspaper and has a
wider circulation than any journal in the Far
East.

Special attention given to effectively display-
ing advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting
advertisements is similar to this, unless we are
instructed to display the advertisement, when
any effective style of type will be adopted.
This standard runs exactly eight lines to the
inch, and about eight words to the line.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES.

(per inch.)

One week.....\$ 2.85
One month.....7.30
Three ".....20.00
Six ".....37.50
Twelve ".....73.00
No charge less than one dollar.

Discount allowed on—

3 Months Contracts.....5 per cent.
6 ".....10 "
12 ".....25 "

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.
\$2 each insertion in the Daily and Weekly.

CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Rates for standing advertisements
can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach
the *Hongkong Telegraph* Office not later than
noon of the day they are intended to appear.

Unless otherwise specified all advertisements
will be repeated and charged for until counter-
manded.

JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken.

PROGRAMMES.

PAMPHLETS,

CARDS,

CIRCULARS,

EXTRACTS.

All job printing is done under European
supervision, well turned out, free from errors,
and remarkably cheap at
THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
OFFICE.

Estimates given for all classes of work on
application to
THE MANAGER,
HONGKONG TELEGRAPH CO., LD.,
1, Ice House Road,
Hongkong.

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
BOMBAY MARU T. Murai.	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan., at Daylight.
IYO MARU M. J. Curnow.	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KUMANO MARU C. H. Butler.	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- HAMA.	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan., at Noon.
HITACHI MARU J. Campbell.	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 29th Jan., at Daylight.
AKI MARU J. W. Ekstrand.	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 9th Feb., at 4 P.M.
KAGOSHIMA MARU K. Kori.	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada
and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.
Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class, Through
Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's
Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [5]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANÇAIS

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 16th January, 1904,
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship
"POLYNESIE," Captain Le Gaspelier, with
Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo will leave
this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call,
WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for Lon-
don as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in
transit through Marseilles for the principal
places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon
on MONDAY, the 25th instant, Specie
and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same
day. No Cargo will be received on board on
TUESDAY.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they
must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents
and Value of Packages are required.

Agent,
Hongkong, 14th January, 1904. [9]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
VIA
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

Steamers. Tons. Captains. 1904

Olympia.....2,837 A. Dixon.....Feb. 11
Shawmut.....2,605 W. M. Smith.....Feb. 19
Tacoma.....2,812 M. Ridley.....Feb. 26
Victoria.....3,502 J. Truebridge.....Mar. 10
Trenton.....2,606 T. W. Garlick.....Mar. 25
Olympia.....2,837 A. Dixon.....April 27

† Cargo only.

Steamers marked (*) have no second-class
passenger accommodations. Passengers are directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this line to the
Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern
Cities of the United States and to Europe.

Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the
United States and Canada.

For further Information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [12]

Hotel.

KING EDWARD
HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR

AND
BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Fans (if required).

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D' Hote at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1903. [31]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERI-
CAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship
"BENGAL,"
Captain G. Phillips, carrying His Majesty's
Mail, will be despatched from this Port for
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 30th instant,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to—
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [14]

Notices of Firms.

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE

Intimations.



ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

PORT.

B.—OLD VINTAGE, super-
ior quality, Red Capsule—\$16.00 \$1.40C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE
superior quality, Black
Seal Capsule—20.00 1.70D.—VERY FINE OLD VIN-
TAGE, extra superior, (old
bottled), Violet Capsule—27.00 2.25NOTE.—Port, after removal, should be
rested for a month before use.Wine required for IMMEDIATE use
should be ordered to be decanted before
being sent out.These Wines are specially suited for
Invalids and general use, and are too well
known to need further comment.A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [35]

TELEPHONE NO. 14
ESTABLISHED 1859A CHEE & CO.,
祥利廣
17, QUEEN'S ROAD.FURNITURE
DEALERS.DRAWING-ROOM,
DINING-ROOM,
and BED-ROOM
FURNITUREELECTRO-PLATED,
GLASS, and
CHINA WARES.PASTEUR'S MICROBE-PROOF
FILTERS,
ROCHESTER LAMPS,
WHITE TURKISH TOWELS,
COUNTERPANES.COOKING RANGES,
KITCHEN UTENSILS, and
HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.PHOTOGRAPHIC
DEPARTMENT.DEVELOPING and PRINTING
—UNDERTAKEN FOR AMATEURS.
GOOD WORK.PROMPT RETURN.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [45]CARMICHAEL AND
CLARKE,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS,
SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.

REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL" Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
A. C. Code.Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [47]THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.MARRIAGE.
On the 4th of January, at All Saints' Church,
Tientsin, by the Rev H. J. Brown M.A., and
afterwards at H.B.M. Consulate-General, by
L. C. Hopkins, Esq., Consul-General, GORDON
O'NEILL, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Taku, to FLORENCE,
youngest daughter of the late Magnus Linklater,
of Swatow.DEATHS.
On 12th January, at his residence, 45, Has-
kell Road, Shanghai, SEIGUMUNDO J. RANGEL,
aged 51 years. Deeply regretted.
On the 14th of January, at the General Hos-
pital, Captain K. F. Anderson, late Manager of
Arnhold Karberg & Co.'s Oil Wharf, Pootung.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1904.

TYTAM TUK WATERWORKS
SCHEME.

The necessity for increasing the water supply of the City and Hill district is regarded as very urgent, and while the large low level reservoir at Tytam Tuk is designed to meet future requirements, H. E. Sir H. A. Blake recently pointed out that since immediate advantage could not be taken of such a reservoir, measures must be adopted to provide for present necessities. In his despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon, he strongly recommended that a proposal of Mr. Chatham's be approved and paid for out of the sums voted for the Tytam Tuk Scheme of which practically it forms a part. Enclosed in the despatch of our late Governor to the Secretary of State was a copy of Mr. Chatham's report, supplemented by a letter sent under flying seal addressed to Mr. Chadwick, in which the Director of Public Works gave an account of trial works undertaken. Operations were confined to three sites and the results were somewhat disappointing, and, after full investigations, he came to the conclusion that a dam on site No. 4 of Mr. Cooper's 1896 report, but increased in size so as to render it capable of containing 194 million gallons instead of 100 million gallons, as specified in his report, would afford the most ready and economical means of meeting the requirements. In addition to the water impounded by the proposed dam, the yield of the streams flowing in the valley would be rendered available by the small dam which had already been constructed, in connection with the temporary pumping engine now at work, and from which the main to the large pumping engines would be laid. The natural drainage area amounts to 470 acres, of which 210 acres lie about the Tytam west catchwater supplying Tytam Reservoir. Mr. Chatham explained that can be intercepted by catchwaters constructed along the southern slopes of the hills beyond the head of the valley, and, as we heard from him at a recent meeting of the Council, a pumping engine, capable of raising half a million gallons per day, has been erected; a small dam capable of containing 14 million gallons having been constructed at this point, and a rising-main laid to the Tytam Gauge Basin. This will render available the dry-weather flow of the streams until the large engines are erected. It is also explained that the reason for utilising first the No. 4 site is that, owing to the difficulties experienced at the low level site, it is evident that no water can be gathered there for pumping purposes until the lapse of probably three years, whereas if the dam at No. 4 site be at once proceeded with, pumping by means of the engines ordered from home can be commenced, it is anticipated, during the dry season 1904-1905. A provision of \$100,000 has been made in the Estimates for next year for the Tytam Tuk Scheme. The proposals contained in Sir Henry Blake's despatch would involve, it was estimated, an additional provision of \$150,000. From the papers laid on the table before the Legislative Council to-day, we are pleased to note that sanction was received to provide the further sum required, by telegraphic despatch on the 1st inst. Like the poor, the water famine is ever present with us, and any and every measure adopted to mitigate the evils attending the placing of the community on "short commons" must be hailed with general public satisfaction.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE N. C. D. News contradicts on good authority our evening contemporary's correspondent's story that operations on the Canton-Hankow railway have been suspended under orders from New York.

THE V. R. C. F. C. will play H.M.S. Tamar (shield match 1st round) at 4 p.m. on Thursday on the Hongkong F. C. ground. The following will play for the V. R. C. F. C. — Forward, H. W. Sawyer, H. S. Holmes, W. Dickson, A. Marti, J. Clelland; Half-backs, E. R. Herton, J. Forbes, H. Gidley; Backs, J. Wittichell, R. Lapsley; Goal, W. A. Crake.

At Shanghai, on 14th inst. Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn & Co. sold by public auction, at No. 13, Yangtze Road, in one lot, as a going concern, the ground, plant, machinery, buildings, etc., of the China Paper Mill Company. Bidding started at Tls 150,000 and the price realised was Tls 171,000, the purchasers being a Chinese syndicate represented by Su Pao-sun.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

THE DOMESTIC SERVANTS
QUESTION.

PETITION FROM HONGKONG.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. H. E. Pollock K.C. in presenting the following petition said:—Your Excellency, I would ask permission to lay on the table a petition which has been signed by numerous ladies in this Colony with reference to the registration of domestic servants. Their petition, Sir, is not formally addressed to the members of this Council, but it has to do with legislation and, therefore, I think it fit that it should be laid on the table of this Council.

His Excellency:—I think I must say that the hon. member's petition is not in order, and cannot be laid upon the table of this Council. I think you must have received a letter addressed to you by the Colonial Secretary by my direction. The petition is addressed to the Officer Administering the Government; it is not addressed to the hon. members of this Council and is therefore not in order.

The Hon. Pollock:—Of course, I abide by your Excellency's ruling. Of course, the petition has to do with legislation and, therefore, it seems to me it should be laid upon the table of this Council.

THE PETITION.
To His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDER-SIGNED LADIES OF HONGKONG.
Most Respectfully Sheweth:—

1.—Your petitioners, ladies of the European Community in this Colony, respectfully request that legislation may be introduced to cope with the existing difficulties in connection with Chinese domestic servants, viz., house coolies, cooks, vehicle coolies and amahs.

2.—During the greater part of every day we are left alone in our houses, and in the majority of cases the domestic servants, taking advantage of the absence of the master of the house, do evil, are lazy and insolent.

3.—Our husbands or brothers, owing to their business engagements, have not the time to spend in instituting and attending prosecutions at the Magistrate's, and it is highly distasteful as well as most inconvenient to ourselves—especially in the summer season—to take steps personally to have offenders punished.

4.—Our only remedy is to dismiss the offending parties; but such dismissal is a poor remedy, for we must engage fresh servants, unless, as often happens, we are boycotted, and such fresh servants come to us as a rule without any certificates of character. Even if they bring certificates of character we are often unable to find out whether the character relates to the person presenting it, for there is no means of identification, and the perpetual fluctuation of the European community renders inquiry as to the bona fides of an applicant impossible in many cases.

5.—Some of us have lived for many years in this Colony, and can state most positively that the demeanour and capability of domestic servants have deteriorated in recent years, with the result that domestic economy is a source of increasing annoyance and strain every day to your petitioners, who have enough already to contend with in the climatic conditions.

6.—We respectfully assert that our relation to domestic servants cannot be judged by the which prevails at Government House or Head Quarter House, or in bachelor establishments. The requisites and the status of servants at Government House or Head Quarter House tend to render them more attentive, respectful, and diligent; whilst the pay in bachelor establishments is notoriously very high, therefore attractive, though in many cases the servants are of the lowest class.

7.—We further submit that our experience should not be compared with, or rejected in favour of, the experience of the few influential members of the community who obtain their servants through a Chinese compradore, who is responsible for their conduct, and whose interest it is to see that no cause of trouble arises in respect of incivility, or wages, or any other matter.

8.—We would impress on Your Excellency that we represent the bulk of the European ladies of Hongkong, and that we have a right to have our grievances seriously and impartially considered and legislated for.

9.—We are not asking for oppressive legislation in our favour as against the interests of the Chinese; we are merely asking that every Chinese who offers himself or herself as a servant should come with credentials which can be relied upon. It must be obvious that any system which raises the standard of servants must benefit the servant as well as the master, be he European or Chinese.

10.—It is almost superfluous to remind Your Excellency of the large number of larcenies which have been committed by servants, or in collusion with servants, in the dwelling houses of Europeans and Chinese alike, during the last few months. Such occurrences would, in our opinion, be rendered far less frequent if the proposals set out in the next paragraph are given effect to.

11.—We respectfully beg that your Excellency will initiate legislation on the following or similar lines:—

(a) Compulsory registration of all domestic servants.

(b) Compulsory photographing of all domestic servants.

(c) Compulsory taking out of registration certificates.

(d) Compulsory entries of changes of services on the registration certificates.

(e) All the other measures embodied in the draft Bill which form an Appendix to the recent Report of the Private Chair and Jurisdiction Committee.

And your petitioners will ever pray,
(Here follow 266 signatures.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber. Present:—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, F. H. May, C.M.G., H. E. Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.B., (Officer Commanding the Garrison), Hon. A. M. Thomson, (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, Kt. (Attorney-General), Hon. L. A. M. Johnston (Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Basil Taylor, R.N. (Acting Harbour Master), Hon. W. Chatham, (Director of Public Works), Hon. J. C. P. Chater, (H.M. Esq.), Hon. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. W. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. C. W. Dickson, and Mr. R. F. Johnston (Acting Clerk of Councils).

THE MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL.
The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 1 to 12) and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee.

THE BEER to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded. Carried.

REPEAL OF BYE-LAWS.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Bye-laws under the heading "Nightclub Camera" contained in Schedule "B" of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, be repealed.

Seconded by D. P. W. seconded. Carried.

PAPERS.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table copy of correspondence relating to Tytam Tuk Waterworks Scheme for City and Hill District Survey copy of correspondence respecting the use of the Police Force; and the report of the committee appointed by H.E. Sir H. A. Blake to inquire into the causes of Chinese infant mortality in the Colony.

INCREASE TO THE POLICE FORCE.
Following is the report relating to the police:—

Government House, Hongkong, 17th November, 1903.

Sir,—I recently referred the question of increasing the Police Force to the Colonial Secretary and Acting Colonial Superintendent of Police for report, and I have now the honour to inform you that this question has been carefully considered by the Colonial Secretary and Captain Lyons, who had under date of the 29th September, asked that 50 Chinese Police might be temporarily engaged and paid for out of lapsing salaries in the Department in order to tide over the season immediately preceding the Chinese New Year, when there is a usually an access of crime.

It is found that, owing to the extension of the area of the City by the Praya Reclamation which is now largely built over, the extensive building that has taken place on the new road on the upper levels (Macdonnell and Conduit Road) and extensions of the City eastwards (the addition of 21 night beats and 17 day beats in the City of Victoria is required. To keep these beats covered 55 men are required, while 14 additional men are wanted to cover new beats and patrols in the Kowloon Peninsula rendered necessary by the large additions of buildings that have been made there recently.

Owing to the increase in the Chinese population, which it is estimated is greater by 33,000 persons than it was in 1901 when the last census was taken, and to the increased number of steamers running between Hongkong, Canton and Macao, all of which have to be watched by the Police, an increase of 6 men is required for the Chinese Detective Staff. This makes a total of 75 men.

5. The Police in the New Territory have, however, during last year and this year, been reduced by 21 men, and these men are already utilised to cover some of the new ground. Consequently after making due allowance for men sick and on leave it is calculated that an addition of 60 Constables will amply suffice for all present requirements. From this number, 10 already provided for in 1903 Estimates (2 of the 12 men actually provided are required for Capatsuman Station) can be deducted, leaving 50 as the number to be provided.

6. The Acting Colonial Superintendent of Police recommends, and I concur with him, that the 50 men should be Chinese Constables of the 2nd class, and I attach a statement which shows that the cost of this addition to the force and of appointing 6 more Chinese Detectives will be \$10,360 for next year.

7. The Colonial Secretary also made certain recommendations for improving the conditions of service of the Chinese Land and Water Police. I approve of all of these recommendations, and I have included them in the statement attached. If they receive your sanction the total additional expenditure involved will be \$1,000, which has been recommended by Captain Lyons.

8. In order to house these additional Police, I recommend that another storey be added to the Central Police Station.

This will give accommodation for 24 additional Asiatic oil besides providing, by a rearrangement of rooms, increased store and office accommodation, both of which are much needed owing to the large increase in numbers of the Force since the acquisition of the New Territory, and the addition of an Assistant Superintendent of Police for Victoria, who has at present no office.

The Barracks are at present so overcrowded that so far as Chinese Constables are housed in a makeshift in the compound of the Station. This is a very unsatisfactory arrangement. The additional storey will enable these men to be brought within the building and will also afford accommodation for those of the extra Police (35) who will be allocated to the Central District. Room can be found in the Eastern and Western Districts of the City for the additional men allocated to them, while in the Kowloon Peninsula some additional accommodation can be provided at small cost at Yau-mat and Hung-hom.

9. The cost of an additional storey to the Central Police Station is estimated at \$8,000, while \$500 will be required to accommodate some 50 of the Police who must vacate a portion of the Barracks during the alteration.

I have to ask your authority to incur this expenditure, together with the sum necessary to defray the cost of increase of Police and of salaries shown in the Schedule.

10. I attach copy of a report which I called for from the Senior Police Magistrate and the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police on the increase of crime and increased number of prisoners in the Gaol. This report shows that there was a large increase in crime in the first quarter of the current year and a still further increase in the third quarter of the year.

This increase in crime is, in my opinion, largely due to the increased number of steamers running between Hongkong and Canton and Macao and to the reduction of fares as the result of competition in the traffic.

Six steamers run daily now to Canton, whereas formerly there were only 3, and the fares have been reduced since the end of last year from 60 cents to 30 cents for Chinese and class passengers.

A thief can visit Hongkong from Canton for 60 cents now, and this no doubt tempts many to do so while the increased chances of escape make the detection of crime more difficult.

I consider therefore that the increase in Police is urgently required and should you approve of the recommendations made I should be glad if you would telegraph your sanction in order that steps may be taken to increase the accommodation at the Central Station during the dry season and for recruiting the necessary men.—I have, &c.

H. A. BLAKE, Governor.

Secretary of State's approval received by Telegram dated 14th December, 1903.

SUMMONING OF CHINESE ORDINANCE.
The Acting Colonial Secretary moved:—

Whereas by section 5 of the Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899, (No. 49 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council, and whereas such operation has been

continued by resolution of this Council till the 30th day of March, 1904, inclusive.

It is hereby resolved by this Council that the Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899, shall be further continued in operation for the further period of two years from the 31st day of March, 1904, inclusive.

The Attorney General seconded. Carried.

PICKING UP AND OBSTRUCTING HIGHWAYS.
The Hon. Gershom Stewart asked the following questions of which he had given notice:—

(1) Under what conditions are public companies or private individuals permitted to pick up and obstruct the public highways?

(2) In the event of the party responsible being delinquent in the completion of work involving the picking up of public roads, what powers have the Government to compel them to proceed with expedition?

(3) Can offenders be fined so much per diem for not neglecting?

(4) Are the crossings provided during the construction of the low level tramway, where the public highways are picked up, passed by the Public Works Department as proper and adequate for the traffic they have to carry?

The Hon. Director of Public Works replied as follows:—

(1) Some companies, such as the Gas Company, have powers under agreements entered into with the Government; others, such as the Electric Tramway Company, have powers conferred upon them by Ordinance. In every case notice to and authority from the Director of Public Works is required.

(2) Companies are required to complete the work for which they have broken up any road with due diligence or with all convenient speed and to restore the road to good condition, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The powers of the Government depend upon the terms of the agreement, the conditions of the permit issued by the Director of Public Works, or the provisions of the Ordinance in effect at the time.

(3) The Tramway Ordinance, 1902, section 12, provides such a penalty; other cases must depend upon the terms of the agreement or permit.

(4) No, but where it is brought to my notice that the crossings are inadequate, I call upon the Company to provide increased facilities. The responsibility for any accident, damages or injuries happening through their act or default rests with the tramway Company (vide s. 79 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1902).

RECOVERY OF CHARGES.
The Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges incurred by the Colony on account of imberile persons introduced into the Colony.

The Council adjourned sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council, Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Secretary, presiding. The following votes were submitted and the Committee agreed to recommend that they be adopted by the Council:—

TELEPHONES TO KOWLOON.
A sum of \$5,000 in aid of vote No. 19, "Cable for Observatory and other telephone lines to Kowloon, Public Works, Extraordinary."

THE LEPER ASYLUM.
A sum of \$500 in aid of the vote "Police—Other Charges" on account of rations for lepers in the asylum at Au Tau in the New Territory.

EDUCATION.
A sum of \$3,600 in aid of the vote "Education, Inspector of Schools—Other Charges" to meet the cost of participating in a scheme for the visual instruction of children as regards the geographical features, life and industries of the various parts of the Empire.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.
50 Chinese constables at \$150 each, \$7,500

Ration allowances, 600

23 3rd class constables promoted to 2nd class; difference, 650

Allowances for 6 Detectives, 360

Increased Ration allowances, 1,475

8 1st Class constables promoted to 2nd class sergeants; difference, 72

Increases to 52 men, 624

2 1st Class Sergeants at \$140 instead of \$168 each; difference, 144

2 Station Sergeants at \$168 each instead of \$144 and \$156; difference, 36

16 3rd Class sergeants and coxswains at \$210 to \$240 each instead of \$210, and 8 Stokers at \$144 to \$168 instead of \$144 each (previous service to count); difference, 96

Total Personal emoluments, \$12,445

Other Charges.
Clothing, &c., 1,900

Lodging allowances during alterations to Central Police Station, 500

Total Other Charges, \$2,400

Public Works Extraordinary.
Addition of storey to Central Police Station, \$28,000

Grand Total, \$2,845

BAV VIEW HOTEL.
A sum of \$9,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, to meet cost of training nullahs in the vicinity of the Bavi View Hotel, and filling up water holes, &c.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.
A sum of \$4,633.90 in aid of the vote Sanitary Department under Personal Emoluments:—

1. Assistant secretary (from 11th January to 31st December, 1903), \$2,335.50

Assistant secretary Exchange Commission, 1,868.40

2. Correspondence clerk (additional salary), 429.00

Total, \$4,633.90

PUBLIC WORKS.
A sum of \$25,395.24 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, for the following items:—

1. Extension of Inspectors' Quarters at Kennedy Town, \$1,250.00

2. Tai Po Road, 5,000.00

3. Extension of Wanchai Market, 645.24

4. Cattle Depot extensions, 15,000.00

5. Public Mootuary, extension and reconstruction, 3,000.00

Total, \$25,395.24

SUGAR REFINING IN HONGKONG.

It was in Barbadoes away back in the early part of the last century that the first Scotch engineer, a native of Glasgow, selected the first sugar refining machine of the West. In the old plantation days even prior to the emancipation, there had been refining processes by primitive methods, and the Southern negro had constructed the snow-white sugar pyramid long before the cultivation of the Netherlands product had reached any point to make exportation a commercial success. And crude as were the productions of these early pioneers of the sugar industry, they paved the way for those humanising influences which have made

industrial enterprise what it is to-day. It is impossible to dissociate the sugar trade from the old slavery days, and the plantation melodies which are ever green upon the memory and coming down through the years which followed the first introduction of the refined essence of the cane into the household, it is pleasant to review the past in connection with the present, and visit one of the largest productive sugar agencies known in the world.

Twenty years ago the Tai-koo Sugar Refinery Company opened their works at Quarry Bay, and so marked was the progress of the enterprise that twelve months later it became necessary to enlarge the premises, further extensions of which followed in the years 1891 and 1893. A general view lends a charm to the prospect, and a glance round the outskirts of the works reveals a picture of considerable interest and enchantment. On an elevation, and removed from the constant din and roar of the works below, terraces of prettily constructed dwellings show the care that has been taken to provide for the material comforts of the heads of the different departments not a small factor in the efficient management and direction of Eastern enterprises where native labour has for the most part to be employed. Nor is this alone the most pleasurable gleam in viewing what is undoubtedly an industrial as well as a commercial village. The workmen themselves live in comparative peace and contentment, and move to and fro with a cheerfulness which would do credit to many a large manufacturing centre of the West. The recreation ground with its grand stand and oval bicycle track, and hemmed in by a weird and fascinating mountain side, completes a picture of angularly natural beauty. On the other side a cable car is constructed to convey the employees to a summer residence at Mount Parker when they are run down or in any way indisposed. Here there is every comfort for the patient, and the Company deserve much credit for the liberality and appreciation of prolonged labour at times when climatic influences tell upon the system.

Passing through the main gate the principal building wherein the refining is carried out is in front. It is a huge structure with nine floors connecting with each other by lifts and shutters, and a mass of mechanical appliances. The process of refining is much the same as that in use at the great Spreckels refineries in Philadelphia and San Francisco, and even elsewhere where the industry is worked to any considerable extent. There is nothing new in its general details to distinguish it from the South African works, but where the interest is enhanced in Hongkong is in the fact that skilled native labour is found, which, under experienced European supervision, is a most good production as can be found anywhere. The raw material principally from Sourabaya, Probolinggo, and the Java plantations generally, on being discharged from the steamer is conveyed by lines of rails into the spacious godowns, thence it is transferred to a shed where it is weighed and emptied into a trough. Passing through these troughs it is reduced to a pulp prior to entering upon its initial stage in the process. Through an almost endless succession of pipes it is then carried to the filter-house, and from thence in the pans where it is boiled. The next step is to convey it to the receiving room where it is placed in revolving tanks, which circulating with marvellous rapidity prepares the sugar for entering upon the second stage of refining. Leaving the tanks by means of lifts and shutters it is taken to the drying room when it undergoes analysis by the Company's chemist. After a careful scrutiny and considerable attention in the detection of any imperfections in the refining the sugar is marked, or branded so to speak, and transferred to the packing room where it is weighed and made up in bags. These, in their turn, are taken to the godowns where they are stacked in sections ready for

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Somaliland Expedition.

LONDON, 17th January.
A despatch from General Egeston states that 250 prisoners were taken in the recent battle, 680 dead bodies were counted near the position and numerous others along the line of pursuit twelve miles on the open prairie. The total of the evening's killed is estimated at over 1,200. It is reported that the Mullah was near Hadin during the fight with a large force, mounted, and supported. The first Brigade is now reconnoitring Hadin.

The Russia Mediterranean Squadron.

The battleship *Oshibaya* is proceeding to Suez. The rest of the squadron is at Port Said awaiting orders.

More Rising in German S.W. Africa.

The rising of natives in German Namaqualand has extended to Damaraland and numbers of settlers have been massacred.

Russia and Japan.

Japanese and Russian agents are buying up all available coal throughout the world. The buying operations have hitherto been chiefly centred in Cardiff. Japan has ordered 300,000 tons in England alone since Thursday and has also purchased 300,000 bushels of wheat in Winnipeg.

The United States in the Far East.

President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Davidson, now consul at Tamsui, to act as a roving commercial agent with headquarters at Antung and Mr. E. V. Morgan, consul at Dainy.

Indisposition of the Tsaritzin.

The Tsaritzin is suffering from pleurisy and the Court ball has been postponed.

(M. C. D. News.)

News from Japan and Korea.

Tokio, 13th January.
Baron Komura and Baron Rosen are to meet this afternoon.
The Emperor of Korea, in view of the present stringency, has determined to readjust his administration.

Movements of the American Squadron.

Tokio, 13th January.
The American squadron of three battleships and four cruisers left Guam (Ladrone Islands) to-day for Manila.

A private note received in Shanghai on 14th inst. from a well-informed source in Japan says that the chartering of transport is going on openly. Troops will not be dispatched to Korea until after a naval engagement. The Korean and Soudan Divisions will be the first to take the field. Foreign newspaper correspondents are receiving orders by wire to "cable freely irrespective of cost."

Death of Colonel Fenby.

Hantsin, 14th January.
A telegram received to-day announces the death in India of Colonel Charles Fenby, the late U.S. Minister to China.

(Japanese Exchange.)

Russian Troops for Korea.

FOUR THOUSAND MEN LEAVING VLADIVOSTOK.
London, January 7th.
It is reported that Russian warships are conveying four thousand troops, including the 2nd Rifle Regiment, from Vladivostok to Korea.

More Soothing Syrup from Berlin.

EXPECTATION THAT CORFA WILL BE DIVIDED.
Berlin, January 7th.
The continental press reports the movement of the Japanese and Russian troops in Korea; but it is believed here that these proceedings will not form a cause for hostilities between Japan and Russia unless the latter takes measure to check Japanese activity in Korea, or Japan opposes the Russian movement in Manchuria. The Berlin diplomats do not expect that either of these events will take place. The German press express the belief that Korea will be divided between Japan and Russia and recognises that Japan has preferential rights in that country.—*Mainichi*.

Guns Sent from Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, 8th January.
Guns and troops have been sent from Port Arthur by a volunteer fleet steamer.—*Mainichi*.

Views in Peking.

STATEMENT BY THE JAPANESE MINISTER.
Peking, 8th January.
Mr. Uchida, Japanese Minister to Peking, has called on "rice Ching and informed him that the Russian Government have forwarded their reply to the Tokio Government; but that it is not a satisfactory. The Japanese Minister further informed Prince Ching that the Japanese Government are considering measures for the future. It is believed in Peking that war is inevitable.—*Mainichi*.

(Deutsche Japan-Post.)

Japan in Korea.

ATTITUDE OF EUROPE.
Berlin, 6th January.
It is not expected that any power is likely to take up an attitude of resistance to Japanese proceedings in South Korea.
Great Britain and the United States have each sent a war-ship to Chemulpo, and have also strengthened their Legation guards.

King Edward.

PROBABLE VISIT TO BERLIN.
King Edward will probably visit Berlin in May.
At the New Year his Majesty exchanged the most cordial greetings with the Kaiser.

The Reported Recall of Japanese Officers.

DENIAL BY MINISTER TO GERMANY.
Berlin, 8th January.
Mr. Inouye, the Japanese Minister to Germany, denies a report that the Japanese officers in Germany have been recalled.

Japan and Korea.

INVITATION TO OCCUPY THE SOUTH.
Berlin, January 8th.
In Berlin it is held that Japan ought to lose no time in occupying South Korea and should do this without taking the trouble to communicate her intentions to Russia.

The Prospect of Mediation.

Berlin, January 8th.
There is a rumour that Great Britain and France may offer their services in mediating

between Russia and Japan, but nothing is known in Berlin of any such intention on the part of those powers.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

The Russian Budget.

Berlin, 15th January.
The Russian Budget has now been caused any special remarks. Under the heading of "Expenditure for the East" is the amount of seventeen million rubles for the construction of a railway, going round Lake Baikal.

The Siberian Railway.

The summer schedule of the Russian railways shows that a train de luxe on the Siberian railway will make the distance from Alexandrow to Dala in thirteen days.

The Hereros on the Warpath.

The Hereros are on the warpath in German South-west Africa.

New German Consulates.

The Budget Committee of the German Reichstag has voted consulates in New Orleans, Atlanta, St. Paul and Seattle.

The North.

Yokohama, 19th December.
The Privy Council met yesterday, the Mikado presiding. It has been resolved to return the last Russian Note to the St. Petersburg Government with the request to reconsider it. Official circles in Tokyo do not consider this a break of the relations with Russia, but on the contrary, as prompted by the desire to continue the negotiations on another basis. The final settlement of the crisis is therefore postponed for some weeks.

The Situation in Korea.

Mokpo, January 7th.
No Russian soldiers have been landed at Mokpo, or in the neighbourhood.—*Mainichi*.
Seoul, January 8th.

The Korean Emperor seems to be more concerned about his own personal safety than the future of his country. The Emperor at one time intended to fly to Shimon or Peking in case of war; but he seems to have subsequently decided to remain at Seoul. The Korean officials are still panic-stricken and thus are greatly unsettled. Twenty-one British marines and one officer arrived at Seoul by train to-day. Germany, France and Italy are expected to land marines and bring them to Seoul.—*Mainichi*.
Seoul, January 8th.

Over 2,000 Korean soldiers have already deserted, frightened by the war rumours. The peers are sending their families out of Seoul in large numbers.—*Asahi*.

Chemulpo, January 8th.

One officer three petty officers and twenty marines were landed from the British warship *Cressy* this morning and they proceeded to Seoul by the second train.—*Mainichi*.

MRS. MAY'S "AT HOME."

We are requested to state that Mrs. May will be "At Home" on Thursday next, only till 4.45 p.m., on account of the Church Missionary Association meeting at 5 o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—It has already been notified by circular and otherwise, that the annual meeting of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association is to be held on Thursday next, January 21st, at 5 p.m. in St. Paul's College. Owing, however, to the fact that Bishop Ridley of Caledonia (British Columbia) is now staying in the Colony, and is kindly going to speak at the meeting, it is feared that, as many have expressed the desire to hear him, the room in St. Paul's College will not be large enough.

It has therefore been decided to hold the meeting in the City Hall at the same time as was originally proposed, and if the Officer Administering the Government has kindly consented to take the chair.

As there is not time to notify this change in any other way, may I ask you kindly to insert my letter for the information of those who may wish to attend? All who desire to be present, whether members of the Association or not, will be most heartily welcomed.—I am, &c.

J. C. VICTORIA.

St. Paul's College, 19th January, 1904.

THE LATE MR. COOVERJEE HUMANJEE SETNA.

There has lately passed away in Bombay at the ripe age of 84, one of the oldest Parsee merchants of India. Mr. Cooverjee Bomanjee Setna, the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Curjeejee Bomanjee & Co. of Bombay, and Messrs. Curjeejee Bomanjee & Co. of Hongkong and Shanghai, is one of the very oldest established Indian houses, died suddenly of heart failure at his residence, Chandrahwan, on Thursday, the 24th December, 1903, at about 4.30 p.m. This venerable old gentleman was born in 1819, at Rustampore, Surat. At the tender age of five he accompanied his family to Bombay and afterwards he joined his brother's firm and acquired a full knowledge of commercial mercantile career. Of his two voyages to China, the first was in May, 1842, and the second in 1849, to establish a firm at Shanghai. He had much to recount for the vicissitudes undergone by himself in these times, to his children, and grand children, and it was indeed a pleasure to listen to his experiences of those memorable times when Hongkong was but in its infant state. His industry, business talent, and long continued services count for anything, his popularity was well deserved. Genial in manners, extremely charitable in disposition, he was amongst his friends and acquaintances familiarly styled "Maharaj" (the philanthropist). He has left behind him four sons, three daughters, and 47 grandchildren, and also a large circle of relations, friends, and acquaintances, to whom his demise.—*Translated from Bombay paper*.

A CH'ANGSHA, capital of Hunan, despatch states that Governor Chao of that city has lately ordered from Japan 2,000 Murata rifles, pattern 1897, which with accompanying ammunition will cost £15,000. These Japanese rifles are said to be very much admired by the Chinese and there seems to be every prospect of China buying her rifles in the future solely from Japan to the exclusion of other countries.

We learn from Canton that Messrs. Mandel & Co. effected ten days ago with the Viceroy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi a loan of one million taels, repayable in fifteen months, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. No Imperial Edict by the Viceroy, the Governor, and the Provincial Treasurer. Of the total sum about £15,000 is to be provided in the shape of a supply of military manufactures, the balance being in cash.—*N. C. D. News*.

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

In the Supreme Court in Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before His Honour Mr. A. C. Wise, Judge, Tong Lun On sued Wan In Nam for \$175.67 being money deposited in the Man Wo Tong firm.
Mr. John Hays (of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. E. A. Bonnar (of Messrs. Denny and Bowley).
Mr. Hays said that the money was deposited with defendant, who was a partner in the Man Wo Tong firm up till about a year ago. The money was deposited practically as an investment in the firm.
Evidence was led, and His Honour gave judgment for the defendant.
A PROMISSORY NOTE CASE.
Chan Cheung King proceeded against Chan Hi, trading as Chan Ting Sang for \$68.50 due on promissory notes.
Mr. E. A. Bonnar (of Messrs. Denny and Bowley) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. K. Holmes represented the defendant.
After evidence, His Honour delivered judgment in favour of the plaintiff.

NORTHERN NOTES.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN MANCHURIA AND SIBERIA.

THE LATEST RELIABLE INFORMATION.

I.—PROVINCE OF KWANTUNG.

(a) INFANTRY.

Port Arthur.
The Eastern Siberian Rifles.
The headquarters of the Third Brigade.
The Ninth Regiment ... 2,200
The Tenth Regiment ... 2,200
The Eleventh ... 2,200
The Twelfth ... 2,200
The Twelfth Infantry Regiment ... 2,200
Total ... 11,200

Besides the above there are newly established regiments the 26th, 27th and 28th regiments of infantry making 6,600 men. Adding these, in time of war, the total number of the Russian infantry at Port Arthur will be 17,800.

Kinchow.

The Fifth Regiment ... 2,200
Of the regiment one company is detached at Peking as the Legation guards while another company is at Yinkow (Newchwang).
Dainy.

The headquarters of the Fifth Brigade.
The Tenth Regiment ... 2,200
The Thirteenth ... 2,200
The Fifteenth ... 2,200
Total ... 6,600

(b) CAVALRY.

Dainy.
The headquarters of the Independent Eastern Siberian Cossack Brigade.
The First of Baikal Cossacks ... 918
Six companies of the 1st Regiment of Chichinsky ... 918
A portion of which is at Antung-hsien, one company at Shanhaiwan and Moukden and another company at Peking and Liaoyang.

(c) ARTILLERY.

Port Arthur.
The Sonie Battalion ... 750
The Fortress Artillery ... 2,331
Total ... 3,081

Dainy.
The headquarters of the Second Brigade.
The First company ... 250
The 1st company of the trans-Baikal Regiment ... 250
The 2nd company of the trans-Baikal Regiment ... 250
Total ... 750

Feng Hsu ng-cheng.
One company of Cossack Artillery Regiment ... 80

(d) ENGINEERS.

Port Arthur.
The 3rd Engineer company ... 564
The Kwantung Engineer company ... 314
Total ... 878

The total number of the Russian troops in the Province of Kwantung:
Infantry ... 20,900
Cavalry ... 1,832
Artillery ... 2,831
Engineers ... 878
Total ... 25,531

In time of war ... Total ... 43,331

Field guns ... 48
II.—TRANS-AMUR PROVINCE.

(a) INFANTRY.

Liao-Yang.
Four Companies of the 30th Rifle Infantry Regiment ... 1,000
Moukden.
(Included in Kwantung Provinces.)

Kirin.
The 16th Rifle Infantry Regiment ... 2,200
Harbin.
The headquarters of the Fifth Regiment ... 2,200
Tsisihar.
The headquarters of the 20th Rifle Infantry Regiment ... 2,200
Hailar.
The Reserve Artillery Battalions ... 3,863
Ninguta.
The 18th Regiment of Rifle ... 2,200

Besides above there are four more regiments, making the total number of infantry in the trans-Amur Province, 28,663.

(b) CAVALRY.

Moukden.
The 6th company of Nelchinsky Regiment ... 910
Lungchow.
The 1st company of Arginsky Regiment ... 750
Kirin.
A portion of the 1st company of Arginsky Regiment ... 160
Ninguta.
Amur Cossack Cavalry ... 455
Bayanls.
Usuri Cossack Cavalry ... 184
Total ... 2,459

In time of war ... Total ... 4,129

(c) ARTILLERY.

Yinkow (Newchwang).
A company of the 1st Brigade of Artillery of the East Siberia ... 248
Liao-Yang.
A portion of the trans-Baikal artillery Battalion ... 408
Kirin.
Cossacks ... 234
The East Siberia artillery ... 248
Harbin.
The East Siberian Artillery ... 248
Total ... 1,188

(d) RAILWAY BATTALIONS.

Harbin.

The headquarters of trans-Amur Railway Brigade.
The 1st Battalion ... 1,500
The 2nd ... 1,500
Hwankookhse.
The 3rd Battalion ... 1,500
Liao-Yang.
The 4th Battalion ... 1,500
Total ... 6,000

III.—AMUR MILITARY PROVINCE.

This military province includes Vladivostok, Sentha, Novokievskoe, Haborofsk, Halakan, Nokin, Ladonkor, Blagovestchensk, Stratenk, Chai Nuhak, Welfredinsk, etc. The total number of various kinds of the Russian troops stationed in this province is as follows:
Infantry ... 50,159
Cavalry ... 7,280
Artillery ... 5,104
Engineers and Railway Battalions ... 3,910
Total ... 72,136

IV.—TOTAL NUMBER OF TROOPS.

In Time of Peace. In Time of War.
Province of Kwantung ... 25,531 43,331
Province of trans-Amur ... 64,004 65,677
Province of Amur ... 46,283 72,136
Total ... 135,818 181,139

—China Gazette.

STEAMERS CHARTERED

From the Kobe Chronicle of 8th inst.:—
The steamer already chartered by the Japanese Government number about forty, of which seventeen belong to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and fifteen to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. These are expected to be mobilised in a few days. The *Nikko-maru*, it appears, has also been chartered. This vessel is the newest of the N.Y.K. fleet, and was only completed a few days ago by the Mitsui Bishi Company. She was to take her departure to-morrow from Yokohama on the Australian trip, but this has suddenly been indefinitely postponed, and as there is no steamer of the company available to take the place of the *Nikko-maru*, the N.Y.K. has been compelled to cancel the sailing. The departure from Japan of another steamer, this is also reported to have been postponed. This is the *Mong Hia*, of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company, which was to have left Nagasaki at noon on Wednesday, but which is said to have received instructions from Baron Rosen to await the arrival at Nagasaki of a Legation official, bearing letters for Port Arthur.

THE NEW CRUISERS.

With reference to the payment of the price agreed upon for the two Argentine warships recently purchased by the Japanese Government, a T.Y. dispatch states that the money was paid in full last month through the Specie Bank. The money was partly drawn from the three special reserves, and partly raised by a temporary loan arranged with the Bank of Japan. This is said to be the largest amount in one item yet defrayed out of the Special War Fund. The total amount drawn from the special reserves so far is about ¥10,000,000, and the amount of the temporary loan from the Bank of Japan, which stood for some time at ¥10,000,000, has now increased to some ¥1,000,000, which is the amount of the total disbursements so far. From this it can be seen how heavy is the expense in which Japan is being involved by her preparations.

SILVER.

The Hongkong and Shanghai, Specie, and other banks at Shanghai, are reported to have commenced buying in silver in anticipation that if war breaks out there will be a great run on silver dollars.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS.

According to the *Kobe Chronicle* of 10th inst., no formal announcement of Japan's intentions has yet been made, but it is expected that this will not be delayed for more than a few days. The proclamation to the Japanese people will probably be made after a meeting between the Elder Statesmen and the Cabinet, at which the Emperor will preside.

Intense activity prevails in the Naval and Military Departments.

At 11 a.m. yesterday, continues that journal, Marshal Marquis Oyama, General Baron Kodama, with General Baron Terachi, waited upon the Emperor and presented certain important papers. The distinguished officers remained with his Majesty for about an hour. Marshal Nogi, Inspector-General of Army Education, also waited upon the Emperor.

Marquis Tokudaiji conveyed an Imperial Message to Baron Komura at 11.20 a.m. yesterday.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Ministers met at the Premier's residence and remained for long in council.

Baron Rosen dispatched lengthy telegrams to St. Petersburg and Port Arthur on Friday afternoon, which are supposed to have conveyed the practical rejection by the Japanese Government of the Russian reply.

Mr. Akiyama, Secretary in the Foreign Office, has been appointed Counsellor in the War Office. Mr. Akiyama is an authority on international law, and will act as legal adviser to the Army in case of hostilities.

Much speculation prevails in Europe as to a possible collision between the Japanese cruisers at Genoa and the Russian vessels now at Liza. On the authority of the Navy Department, however, it is stated that the two cruisers purchased at Genoa have been registered as Japanese vessels, but it is agreed that they will be delivered at Shanghai. Should they be seized by Russia before they are borne by the Argentine Government. A nice point in international law would thus be raised.

According to information reaching us, a detachment of Engineers is already in Korea aiding in the construction of the Seoul-Fusan Railway. Coolies are being poured into Korea, and the railway is being pushed on with the greatest energy.

The rumour of a collision between Japanese and Russian war-ships off Tsushima, which prevailed in Kobe on Friday, has now been traced to a member of a Japanese Club at Nagasaki, who, in order to have a foolish joke with one of the "boys," told him that a naval battle had taken place and that a Russian vessel had been sunk. The "boy" promptly informed a newspaperman, and the newspaper issued an "extra" the contents of which were wired to Kobe.

The Government is already in receipt of applications to contribute to the War Fund. One merchant in Osaka has asked to be permitted to contribute ¥2,000, and the names of seven others are given who have asked permission to subscribe sums varying from ¥100 to ¥2,000.

On every hand there are evidences of the serious state of suspense prevailing, which it is hoped will be brought to an end one way or the other before many days have passed.

The British steamer *Glingerry*, now in Yokohama, has been purchased by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Japan Merchant Steamship Company) and the vessel was transferred to the Japanese flag on 8th inst. and re-named the *Kolamaru*. It is believed that she will be used as a transport.

The N. C. D. News understands that the following N.Y.K. steamers have been taken up for this purpose:

Hakata Maru ... 6,156 tons.
Kishu Maru ... 3,854 tons.
(Stopped in Hongkong and ordered back to Japan.)
Nikko Maru ... 5,000 tons.
Sasuki Maru ... 6,108 tons.
Yamaguchi Maru ... 3,321 tons.

This in addition to the steamers belonging to other Companies previously reported.

The following naval notes are from the *Nagasaki Press* of the 14th inst.:—

The *Gromoboi* has returned to Vladivostok from a cruise along the coast of North Korea.

The *Rossia*, the *Rurik*, the *Gromoboi* and the *Bogatyr* are now at Vladivostok; the *Sivuch* at Newchwang; the *Mandou* and the *Dijidji* at Shanghai; the *Bayarin* at Chemulpo; and the rest of the Russian squadron in the Orient at Port Arthur.

The *Tanjin Times* is informed that the American Asiatic Association has sent a telegram to the following effect to the Yokohama Association: "Japan is fighting a battle for civilisation. The Americans completely sympathise with Japan. Japan has nothing to fear."

It is reported that the N.Y.K. has suspended its regular service to North China ports, owing to the political uncertainty.

CHINA PREPARING.

If any reliance may be placed on a Peking dispatch to the vernacular papers, China would seem to be preparing for emergencies. It is stated that the Government has ordered 500,000 rounds of rifle cartridges to be sent from Nanking and Muchong to General Mah-Ki-Kong in North-China. The General, it is declared, is prepared to proceed to Shanhai-kwan at a moment's notice for the purpose of guarding the "frontier." If Shanhai-kwan is now regarded by the Chinese Government as the frontier, China would seem to have abandoned her claim to Manchuria.

THE FOREIGN TROOPS IN KOREA.

ARRIVAL OF RUSSIAN LEGATION GUARD.

Beside the American and British marines who are reported to have arrived at Seoul, evidently by their arrival causing some commotion in the Korean capital, it is now stated (says the *Kobe Chronicle*) that on the 6th inst. (twenty-two seamen (marines) from a Russian war-ship, with an interpreter and five coolies, landed at Chemulpo en route for Seoul.

A later official report has reached Tokyo which says that twenty seamen and one officer have arrived at Seoul.

There are at present two Russian war-ships at Chemulpo, which it is believed have brought a large number of troops from Port Arthur that may be landed and sent to Seoul.

Twenty-two sailors of the British cruiser *Cressy* landed at Chemulpo yesterday morning and proceeded to Seoul by the 8 a.m. train.

French, German, and Russian war-ships were expected to arrive at Chemulpo yesterday, and it is believed Germany and Italy will also send Legation guards to Seoul.

COMMERCIAL.

Business done at Shanghai, on 15th inst., is reported as follows:—Indo-Chinas at Tls. 50. Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 123 cash, and Tls. 120 for April. Sumatras at Tls. 53. Maatschappij at Tls. 302 cash, Tls. 306 1/2 for January, Tls. 312 for March, Tls. 317 for April, and Tls. 330 for May. Hall and Holtz at \$34 1/2.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
London—Bank T.T. ... 110 1/2
Do. demand ... 110 3/16
Do. 4 months' sight ... 110 7/16

France—Bank T.T. ... 232
America—Bank T.T. ... 442
Germany—Bank T.T. ... 188 1/2
India T.T. ... 137
Do. demand ... 137
Shanghai—Bank T.T. ... 137
Japan—Bank T.T. ... 91 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T. ... 111 1/2
Java—Bank T.T. ... 111 1/2

Buying.
4 months' sight L/C ... 110 9/16
6 months' sight L/C ... 110 11/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York ... 45 1/2
4 months' sight do. ... 45 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne ... 101 3/16
4 months' sight France ... 232
6 months' sight ... 232
4 months' sight Germany ... 192 1/2
Bar Silver ... 26 15/16
Bank of England rate ... 4 %

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
Malwa New ... @ 920/940
" Last Year ... @ 970/1,010
" Oldest ... @ 1,000/1,070
Patna New ... @ 1,260
Benares New ... @ 1,260
Persian (Paper) ... @ 880/930

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Rubi, Dr. s.s., 1,611, Almond, 18th Jan.—
Manila 16th Jan. Hemp—S. T. & Co.
Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer, 18th Jan.—
Hohow 17th Jan. Gen.—S. & Co.
Hue, Fr. s.s., 704, Godinan, 18th Jan.—
Haiphong via Paitia 13th Jan. Gen.—A. R. M.
Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, Schlakier, 18th Jan.—Pakhoi 14th Jan. Gen.—J. & Co.
Holstein, Ger. s.s., 981, Hansen, 18th Jan.—
Haiphong and Huihow 15th Jan. Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.
Wyneric, Dr. s.s., 3,264, Neven, 18th Jan.—
Puget Sound via Japan Ports 7th Dec. Flour—D. & Co., Ltd.
Japan, Dr. s.s., 2,795, Marti, R.N.R., 19th Jan.—
Yokohama 4th Jan. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Hailong, Dr. s.s., 783, Gibson, 19th Jan.—
Swatow 18th Jan. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Kwangle, Ch. s.s., 1,407, Wallace, 19th Jan.—
Canton 18th Jan. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Empress of India, Dr. s.s., 3,003, Marshall, 19th Jan.—
Vancouver 28th Dec. and Shanghai 11th Jan. Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Pakhoi, Dr. s.s., 1,229, Meathill, 19th Jan.—
Canton 18th Jan. Gen.—H. & S.
Emma, Ger. s.s., 1,681, Ziegenmeyer, 19th Jan.—
Hamburg and Singapore 8th Jan. Gen. and Sugar—W. & Co.
Hohow, Fr. s.s., 509, Merlees, 19th Jan.—
Haiphong and Huihow 18th Jan. Gen.—A. R. M.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

San Cheong, for Canton.
Daphne, for Amoy.
Chun On, for Wuchow.
Kwanchoo, for Swatow.
Kwanchoo, for Canton.
Toto Maru, for Kobe.
Shunlung, for Samarang.
Hudson, for Singapore.
Rumay Maru, for Kobe.
Wongchi, for Bangkok.
China, for Macao.
Amelia, for Singapore.
Hoi Ho, for Canton.
Dunab, for Hongkong.
Triumph, for Haiphong.
Wingchi, for Macao.
Selun, for Moji.

Departures

Jan 19.

Glengyle, for Shanghai.
Lorette, for Sai on.
Wongchi, for Bangkok.
Huihow, for Amoy.
Kwanchoo, for Swatow.
Toto Maru, for Kobe.
Hudson, for New York.
Huihow, for Canton.
China, for San Francisco.
Daphne, for Amoy.
Amelia, for Singapore.

Per Haiphong, from Swatow—66 Chinese.

Per Japan, from Shanghai for Marseilles via Bombay—Mr. J. C. Hanson. For Singapore—Mr. H. Adamson. For Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ure.
Per Rubi, from Manila—Messrs. E. Smith, Geo. G. Selner, Capt. Logan, Gibson, Messrs. W. E. Brady, J. W. Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Turner, Mr. S. H. Plowright, Mr. and Mrs. Field and child, Messrs. W. D. Kroff, D. P. Graham, A. Burand, Mrs. F. E. Green, Mr. Fung Tung Shan and 225 Chinese.
Per Emma, from Hamburg, &c.—Lieut. Trist.

Per Empress of India, from Victoria—Mr. Gerding, Capt. Wakefield, Lieuts. Cameron, Milman, Whyte and Allen. From Yokohama—Messrs. F. T. Ming and Pow Chee. From Kobe—Mrs. S. H. Abbott, Messrs. H. Roux, C. A. Aldos, W. S. Clarke, and Mrs. Lou Ying. From Nagasaki—Miss Schindler. From Shanghai—Messrs. J. S. Werry, R. N. M. Ferrand, J. de Digner, Tong Ting Fui, J. H. Derbyshire, 340 Chinese, and 111 Troops.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Teiniao	P. Darwin, B. & S.	Jan. 21	
Sithonia	Singapore, H. A. L.	Jan. 21	
Gera	Singapore, H. A. L.	Jan. 22	
Indravelli	Japan, P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 23	
C. Ferd. Laeiz	Singapore, H. A. L.	Jan. 23	
Ajax	Singapore, B. & S.	Jan. 23	
Kamsang	Singapore, J. M. & Co.	Jan. 27	
Yarra	Singapore, J. M. & Co.	Feb. 3	
Suisang	Singapore, J. M. & Co.	Feb. 3	
Indrapura	Portland, P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 3	
Siberia	San Francisco, N. P. Co.	Feb. 11	
Tacoma	San Francisco, N. P. Co.	Feb. 11	
Coptic	San Francisco, N. P. Co.	Feb. 12	

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Nanning	at Kowloon Dock
Germania	"
Ellen Rickmers	"
U.S.A.T. Lisum	"
Pronto	"
Kansu	"
Tatar	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe	"
H.M.S. Glory	"
U.S.A.T. Sacramento	"
Salamanca	Cosmopolitan
Chibbi	"
Tritos	"
C. Hardouin	"
Paul Beau	"
Horam	"

Shipping Reports.

Sir, Rubi from Manila—Moderate to fresh monsoon.
Sir, Wyneric from Puget Sound—Strong monsoon in China Sea.
Sir, Japan from Yokohama—Strong monsoon gale Formosa Channel.
Sir, Hue from Haiphong—Strong monsoon from Huihow and Quanchowwan, up to port.
Sir, Huihow from Swatow—Fresh N.E. breeze, moderate sea, sky overcast, fine weather.

Vessels in Port.

STRAMERS.
Athenian, Dr. s.s., 2,440, Robinson, 13th Jan.—
Vancouver, B.C., 14th Dec., and Shanghai 10th Jan. Flour and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Bayern, Ger. s.s., 3,188, Formes, 18th Jan.—
Yokohama 9th Jan. Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.
Bin-Tuan, Fr. s.s., 1,600, Ribault, 16th Jan.—
Canton 10th Jan. Gen.—B. & Co.
Bombay Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,398, Mura, 18th Jan.—
Bombay 31st Dec. and Singapore 11th Jan. Gen.—N. Y. K.
Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th Jan.—
Nantes 15th Nov. and Singapore 3rd Jan. Ballast—M. M.
Chibbi, Br. s.s., 1,142, Tuebben, 16th Jan.—
Canton 10th Jan. Gen.—B. & Co.
Claverburn, Br. s.s., 2,358, Parker, R.N.R., 27th Dec.—
New York 27th Oct. Case Oil—S. O. Co.
Dilwara, Br. transport, 3,576, Mamu, 15th Jan.—
Southampton 8th Dec. and Singapore 9th Jan. Ballast—J. M. & Co.
Director Arthur Barty, Ger. s.s., 1,360, Edler, 7th Jan.—
Emden Germany 21st Oct. Ballast—J. & Co.
Dorothea-Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Schaefer, 13th Jan.—
Bangkok 4th Jan. Rice—Order.
Dunab, Aust. s.s., 2,492, Theamch, 11th Jan.—
Moji 5th Jan. Coal—B. & Co.
Elizabeth Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 997, Schmaloff, 15th Jan.—
Bangkok 5th Jan. Rice—A. & Co.
Gisela, Aust. s.s., 1,250, Darmanonch, 16th Jan.—
Trieste 7th Dec. and Singapore 9th Jan. Gen.—S. W. & Co.
Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, Passmore, 17th Jan.—
Swatow 16th Jan. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, Merlees, 17th Jan.—
Haiphong and Huihow 16th Jan. Gen.—A. R. M.
Helene Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 994, Rebblemden, 13th Jan.—
Hohow 11th Jan. Rice—B. & S.
Hounslow, Br. s.s., 1,260, Ashdown, 11th Jan.—
Kuchinozu 5th Jan. Coal—D. & Co. Ltd.

1901 Jan. 19. 1902 Jan. 19. 1903 Jan. 19. 1904 Jan. 19.

Barometer 30.26 30.14 30.14 30.14

Temperature 55 54 54 54

Humidity 73 67 67 67

Rainfall 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 19th at noon. The barometer has risen over E. Japan, fallen over N. China. The high pressure area is lying over Central China, and low area probably exists over Manchuria.

Pressure is also in defect over the S. Philippines and adjacent waters.

Gradients moderate with strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel rather steep with hard monsoon over the China Sea.

Forecast—fresh or moderate N. winds; fair.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

January 19th, 1904, a.m.

Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W.

Vladivostok 7 a.m. — — — —

Nemuro 6 a.m. 29.92 — — SW 2

Hakodate 6 a.m. 30.01 — — NW 6

Tokio 6 a.m. 30.14 — — NW 2

Kochi 6 a.m. 30.10 — — 0

Nagasaki 6 a.m. 30.27 — — NE 2

Kagoshima 6 a.m. 30.27 — — N 4

Oshima 6 a.m. 30.16 — — S 2

Naha 6 a.m. 30.17 — — 0

Ishigakijima 6 a.m. 30.13 — — NE 6

Taihouki 6 a.m. 30.15 — — E 6

Taichu 6 a.m. 30.08 — — N 4

Taiwan 6 a.m. 30.09 — — N 6

Koshu 6 a.m. 30.08 — — NE 4

Pescadore 6 a.m. 30.13 — — NE 10

Weihaiwei 9 a.m. 30.21 31 — — W 2

Cutaipei 6 a.m. 30.41 31 30 — — W 5

Amoy 6 a.m. 30.23 31 45 — — E 1

Swatow 9 a.m. 30.22 31 50 — — N 3

Canton 9 a.m. 30.23 31 50 — — N 3

Hongkong 10 a.m. 30.23 31 50 — — N 3

Victoria Peak 6 a.m. 30.22 31 — — N 2

Gap Rock 6 a.m. 30.22 31 — — N 2

Macao 6 a.m. 30.22 31 — — N 2

Haiphong 6 a.m. 29.88 62 63 — — N 2

Bacolon 6 a.m. 29.80 — — — —

Cebu 6 a.m. 29.83 83 — — 0

St. James 10 a.m. — — — —

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

CONNAUGHT.
Bain, J. W.
Bell, J. F.
Blair, D. R.
Boyce, W. B.
Campbell, R. E.
Cronin, J. H.
Donald, W. H.
Dufour, Mrs. B.
Dolot, Mme.
Geyer, Mr. and Mrs. H.
Goeschel, L.
Hayler, L.
Heckford, R. G.
Hills, L. J.
Howard, E.
Kawap, K.
Macfarlane, Dr. and Young, D. F.

OCCIDENTAL.

Akehurst, C. A.
Burdett, Mrs. F. D.
Hander, L. F.
Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Gerard, Capt. J. C.
Gibson, Dr.
Kerr, Dr. F.
Liddell, Mr. and Mrs.
Lopez, Amaro
Lundon, J. H.
North, H. S.

KING EDWARD.

Cartier, H. B.
Gowland, T. G.
Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Geo. T.
Kent, R. L. Col. E.
F.
Kent, Mrs. E. F.
Kerr, U.S.A. Col. J. A.
Kerr, Mrs. J. A.
Hick, W. M.
Hollingsworth, A. H.
Hug, E.
Jonas, Capt. Edwin A.
Mueller, Ed. (Consul in Peru)

THOMAS.

Berrain, C. F.
Bowa, O.
Chakow, J. L.
Chow How Wai
Condy, Mr. C. and 2 children
Creson, Mr.
Fisher, H. S.
Gibson, L. S.
Gibbs, J. S.
Henry, G.
Hough, Dr.

PEAK.

Allison, C.
Beattie, J. M.
Beattie, J. M. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Benzen, Major and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Bonnell, Miss
Bunny, Major and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Bunny, Miss
Brabazon, Col. L. F.
Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Chichester, Major and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Cooke, Miss
Deane, Miss
Dymock, P. A. A.
Fennell, Col. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Foote, R. M., Capt. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
French, Major G. A.
Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Grant, R. N., Eng. Lieut. Mrs. Vaughan
Hamilton, Major
Hamilton, J. G.
Hamilton, R.
Hardy, R. M., Comm. Mrs. Vaughan
Hawthorn, S. T.

CRAIGIEBURN.

Austen, Dr. and Mrs. T. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Bent, Mrs.
Crafter, R. H.
Dann, G. H.
Duff, J. S.
Falloun, C. H.
Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
Helm, W.
Bernie, J.
Brabazon, P. A.
Evans, E. J.

KOWLOON.

Koralewski, Lieut.
Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Vaughan
and child

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half year ending 30.6.1903	\$645
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 125	3/11 = \$1.061 for 1902	\$35 b.
Do. Founders.	\$ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$490 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2% = \$1 for year ended 30.4.1903	\$56 s.
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 60	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	Tls. 69
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20% = \$12 for 1901	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30% = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$22 1/2 per share for 1901	\$100
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$92 1/2
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$31
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5% = 10/- per share for 1902	\$72
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10% = \$5 per share for 1902	\$16
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$30
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30 s.
"Shan" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	60 cts. 30/4/03	\$19
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	Tls. 1/-
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 2% for 1903	Tls. 36
Do. Preference.	Tls. 50	Interim of 4% = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 50 s.
Do. Preference.	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/2% = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 47 1/2 s.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$103
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10 s.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	5% = Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.1903	Tls. 52 1/2 s.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 s.
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£0.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	16 s.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 6.20 s.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12% = \$6 for 1/2 year 30.6.03	\$209
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1/2 year ending 31.10.1903	Tls. 122 b.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$95
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$58 s.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 212 1/2 s.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8% = 80 cents per share for 1903	\$9 ex div.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903	\$147 b.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$3.30 per share for 1902	\$38
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1903	\$52 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$5 for first 1/2-year 1903	\$147
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/2% for year ending 30.6.03	\$29 s.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6% for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 13 1/2
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$11 1/2 s.
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6% for 1903	Tls. 107 s.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton-Spinning & Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903	\$15 1/2 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	8% for period ended 31.10.1903	Tls. 32 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 75	Interim of 3% on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Laou-kang-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4% on acct. of 1898	Tls. 37 1/2 s.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4% for period ended 31.12.1897	Tls. 170 s.
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 100	25% for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	First year	\$10
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 53 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12% = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$25
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$14 b.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5% for 1903	\$14 s.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$24
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$24 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	10% div. and 1% bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$145 b.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1901	\$50 b.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$1 for 1903	\$24 s.
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$30 for year ending 31.11.1903	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$12 1/2 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£0.12.6		\$5 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03	\$20 b.
Do. Founders.	\$ 4	\$39.70	\$210 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6% making 12% for year	\$15 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$5 b.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9 b.
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	Gulden 100	5th interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.12.1903 making 50 for Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03	Tls. 305 s.
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing & Cleaning Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	First year	\$50
South China Morning Post, Ltd.	\$ 25	First year	\$25

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